

WASHINGTON, DC – On Friday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m. Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) and Department of Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman will tour the energy-efficient house, designed and built by University of Maryland students for the 2007 Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Decathlon. The house, which is on display this week on the National Mall, already earned second place in the architectural design category and is in contention for the overall competition, the winner of which will be announced Friday at 2:00 p.m.

“At a time when Congress is developing new policies to take our nation in a more energy efficient direction, these students are showing incredible initiative in pushing the research and development of new energy efficient technologies,” stated Rep. Hoyer. “I am extremely proud of the University of Maryland’s participation and performance in this exceptional contest and look forward to touring the house this Friday.”

WHO: Congressman Steny Hoyer; Department of Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman; and University of Maryland students participating in the 2007 Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

WHAT: 2007 Department of Energy Solar Decathlon

WHERE: National Mall

Washington, DC

WHEN: Friday, October 19, 2007

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

NOTE: Media packet, including a map of the Decathlon houses on the Mall, is available on request.

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